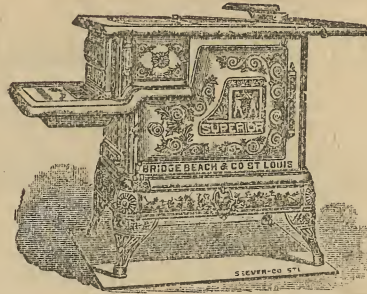


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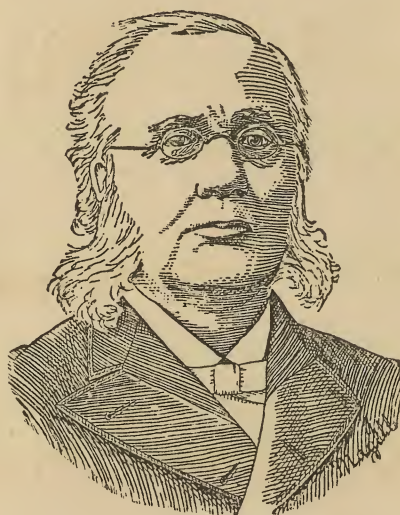
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Roll of Mission.

NAME.	ADDRESS.	CONFERENCE.
Abernathy, Lincoln F.....	Crowley, La.....	Louisiana
Cline, W. H.....	Lake Charles, La.....	Southwest Kansas
Drown, P. A.....	Jennings, La.....	Central Ohio
King, Cyrus A.....	Lake Charles, La.....	Louisiana
Mougey, J. W.....	Baldwin, La.....	"
Robidoux, P. J.....	Crowley, La.....	"
Rogers, Logan.....	Lake Charles, La.....	Kansas
Wilkinson, Asbury.....	" " " ".....	Southeast Indiana
Woodson, Chas. K.....	Jennings, La.....	Louisiana

LOCAL PREACHERS.

Shepherd, William.....	Crowley, La.....
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APPOINTMENTS.

Superintendent.....	Cyrus A. King
Baldwin.....	J. W. Mougey
Crowley and Ebenezer.....	Lincoln F. Abernathy
Evangeline.....	Supplied by P. A. Drown
Iowa and Welsh.....	To be supplied
Jennings.....	Chas. K. Woodson
Lake Charles.....	To be supplied
Leesburg.....	W. H. Cline
Oberlin.....	To be supplied

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ABOUT THE

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Total number of Methodists in the United States.....	4,588,662
Total number of Methodists in the world	6,505,667
Estimated adherents in the world	32,500,000
Number of bishops since the organization of the Church in 1784....	46
Present number of bishops.....	18
No bishop has died during the last quadrennium.	
Number of preachers member of conferences and on trial.....	15,867
Local preachers.....	14,542
Number of Sunday schools.....	28,000
Officers and teachers.....	310,000
Sunday school scholars.....	2,369,005
Number of churches.....	23,866
Valuation.....	\$101,507,085
Number parsonages.....	9,050
Valuation.....	\$15,405,446
Number of schools, colleges and universities.....	195
Value of property and endowments.....	\$26,022,392
Number of teachers in the schools.....	2,343
“ students last year.....	40,026
Raised for missions in 1892.....	\$1,257,372,92
Missionary appropriations for 1893.....	\$1,319,743.00

DENOMINATIONAL STATISTICS OF THE UNITED STATES.

“Through the courtesy of H. K. Carroll, LL. D., special agent of the eleventh census, we are permitted to publish the statistics, but just completely tabulated, of all religious denominations of the United States, as shown by the census of 1890.”—Methodist Year Book, 1893. We give here only the membership in totals of the leading Protestant denominations:

Adventists.....	60,491	Dunkards	73,845
Friends	107,208	Evangelical Association.....	133,313
Reformed Church in the U.S..	204,018	United Brethren	202,474
Congregationalists	512,771	Disciples of Christ.....	641,051
Presbyterians.....	1,278,332	Baptists.....	3,594,093
Methodists	4,588,662		

(Compiled from the Methodist Year Book, 1893.)

Special Services.

THURSDAY EVENING.

The Missionary Sermon was preached by Rev. P. J. Robidoux, of our French Mission work. Text: "Oh that I knew where I might find him!" Job 23:3.

FRIDAY EVENING.

A very satisfactory meeting was held in the interest of Education. Prof. S. A. Knapp presided. Addresses were made by Rev. Lincoln F. Abernathy, Prof. J. W. Mougey and Prof. S. A. Knapp.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

In the afternoon a Women's Meeting was called for the purpose of organizing the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Gulf Mission. Miss Susie Tyler, a returned missionary and teacher from the Zulu country, South Africa, addressed the meeting.

SATURDAY EVENING.

The Church Extension Anniversary was held. Rev. P. A. Drown presided. Addresses were made by Rev. W. H. Cline and Rev. Cyrus A. King.

SUNDAY MORNING.

The Love Feast was held at 9:30, led by Rev. Cyrus A. King. At 10:30. Bishop Andrews preached on the "General and Particular Providence of God." Text: Matt. 10:29-30.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

An interesting Temperance Meeting was held in the church, addressed by Mrs. Catherine Wilkins, President of the Sixth District of the W. C. T. U. work. Rev. L. F. Abernathy, Rev. P. J. Robidoux, Rev. Logan Rogers and others.

SUNDAY EVENING.

This evening was devoted to the "Missionary Anniversary Service. Rev. P. J. Robidoux presided. The audience was favored with a Lecture by Rev. Josiah Tyler, a returned missionary from South Africa, on "The Zulu and His Country." Rev. Mr. Tyler spent forty years of his eventful life as a missionary to the Zulus; and his lecture, aided by a large map of South Africa, was a thrilling and vivid presentation of life among that numerous and peculiar people.

OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

First Day---Opening Session.

JENNINGS, LOUISIANA, }
FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 1893. }

The First Session of the Gulf Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church opened in Jennings, Louisiana, January 20th, at 1:30 P. M.

Presiding Bishop.—Bishop Edward G. Andrews, D. D., LL. D., was present and presided.

Opening Religious Exercises.—Bishop Andrews formally opened the Mission in order by reading the 9th chapter of the General Epistle to the Hebrews, with comments on selections from Romans and the First Epistle of John. The Mission then joined in singing, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," etc. The Bishop addressed the Mission in a fatherly and spiritual manner, and proceeded to administer the Lord's Supper to the members of the Mission, their wives and others present, assisted by the Presiding Elder, Rev. W. H. Cline, and Rev. Cyrus A. King.

Organization.—Chas. K. Woodson and J. W. Mougey were nominated for Secretary.

Election by Voice.—The Mission resolved to elect by voice vote, and Chas. K. Woodson was chosen Secretary.

Assistant Secretary.—On motion of W. H. Cline, the Secretary was permitted to nominate his assistant, and J. W. Mougey was nominated and elected Assistant Secretary.

Statistical Secretaries.—On motion of W. H. Cline, Chas. K. Woodson and J. W. Mougey were also elected the Statistical Secretaries.

Election of Treasurer.—On motion, Lincoln F. Abernathy was elected Treasurer.

Formation of the Roll of the Mission.—Forming the roll of the Mission was taken up, and the following were found present, and answered to their names respectively:

Lincoln F. Abernathy,
P. A. Drown,
J. W. Mougey,
P. J. Robidoux,

W. H. Cline,
Cyrus A. King,
Logan Rogers,
Ashbury Wilkinson,

Chas. K. Woodson.

Introduction.—S. L. Cary was introduced, and in a few well-chosen words welcomed the Bishop and members of the Mission to the homes and hospitality of the people of Jennings. Prof. S. A. Knapp, of Lake Charles, was introduced, and in a very happy manner addressed the Mission on behalf of Southwest Louisiana, and the "Prospective Future" of the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church in this section of our great country.

Response.—Bishop Andrews graciously and pleasantly responded to both of these addresses.

Time of Meeting.—On motion of Cyrus A. King, the hour for opening the business sessions of each day was fixed at 9 A. M.

Nominations.—On motion, W. H. Cline and Cyrus A. King were appointed a committee to nominate the regular standing committees.

Examination of Character.—The name of Lincoln F. Abernathy was called. He reported his work, and his character passed. The committee on examination in the course of study for the fourth year reported on his case favorably. General average on all the Books, eight and four-fifths.

Recommendation for Elders Orders.—On motion, Lincoln F. Abernathy was recommended to the Louisiana Annual Conference for election to Elders Orders.

Adjournment.—After the announcements the Mission adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Andrews.

EVENING SERVICES.

FRIDAY EVENING, 7:30.

In the evening an interesting Educational meeting was held. Prof. S. A. Knapp presided and Rev. Logan Rogers offered prayer. Rev. Lincoln F. Abernathy gave a very acceptable address on "The Ideally Educated Man." Prof. J. W. Mougey read a creditable paper on "The New Education." Prof. S. A. Knapp closed the exercises by making a strong plea for wiser and better education in the home-life of childhood. Adjourned with benediction by Rev. W. H. Cline.

Second Day.

JENNINGS, LOUISIANA, }
SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 1893. }

Religious Exercises.—The Mission opened, pursuant to adjournment, at 9 A. M. The religious exercises were conducted by Presiding Elder, Rev. W. H. Cline.

Minutes Read and Approved.—The minutes of previous session were read, corrected and approved.

The Following Standing Committees were appointed:

Public Worship.—Chas. K. Woodson, W. H. Cline.

Sabbath Observance.—Lincoln F. Abernathy, Logan Rogers, Cyrus A. King.

Temperance.—Chas. K. Woodson, J. W. Mougey, Lincoln F. Abernathy.

Sunday School.—Cyrus A. King, Logan Rogers.

Education.—J. W. Mougey, Lincoln F. Abernathy, Ashbury Wilkinson.

Auditing.—Logan Rogers.

Missions.—W. H. Cline, Cyrus A. King, J. W. Mougey.

Bible Cause.—P. A. Drown, P. J. Robidoux, Logan Rogers.

Church Extension.—Cyrus A. King, W. H. Cline, Chas. K. Woodson.

State of the Church.—W. H. Cline, P. J. Robidoux, Lincoln F. Abernathy.

Publishing Minutes.—Chas. K. Woodson, J. W. Mougey.

Examination of Characters.—W. H. Cline, Presiding Elder of the Lake Charles District, was called and his character passed. He gave a brief verbal report of his work and an outline of the condition of the district.

The following members were called and gave a verbal report of their work and their characters passed: J. W. Mougey, Lincoln F. Abernathy, P. J. Robidoux, Chas. K. Woodson, P. A. Drown, Logan Rogers, Cyrus A. King, Ashury Wilkinson.

On Motion of W. H. Cline, J. W. Mougey was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

Introduction.—Mrs. Catherine Wilkins, President of the 6th District of the W. C. T. U.'s work in Louisiana, was introduced and addressed the Mission.

After the announcements the Mission adjourned to meet at 4 p. m. Benediction by Bishop Andrews.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 2:30.

In the afternoon a woman's meeting was addressed by Miss Susie Tyler, returned missionary and teacher of South Africa. Miss Tyler was born in Africa, educated at Boston, and went out as a teacher to the Zulus, spending the last ten years of her life in her chosen field near Natal, Africa. Miss Tyler speaks the Zulu language fluently and sang some of our old hymns in that strange tongue, to the great edification of all present. After the address a committee, consisting of Mrs. Eleanor Beach, Mrs. Chas. Kistner, Mrs. Wm. Cary, Mrs. Mary Wright, Mrs. P. A. Drown was appointed to organize the work in our home field under the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The committee proceeded then to organize itself by electing Mrs. Eleanor Beach, President, with Mrs. P. A. Drown Corresponding Secretary. A private contribution was taken by two or three ladies of the church to aid one of our missionaries, Rev. P. J. Robidoux, who endured great hardship and privation last year while laboring among the French Creoles. The meeting awakened considerable missionary zeal among the women of the church who were in attendance, and promises some blessed results in the near future.

AFTERNOON SESSION 4 P. M.

Bishop Andrews promptly called the Mission to order at the close of the Woman's meeting. The usual religious exercises were omitted.

Minutes Read and Approved.—The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Report of Committees.—The committee on Sabbath Observance reported and the report was adopted. (See reports.)

The committee on Bible Cause reported, and the report was adopted. (See reports.)

Mission Treasurer's Report.—The Treasurer of the Mission, Rev. Lincoln F. Abernathy, reported, and the report was adopted. (See Treasurer's report.)

Adjournment.—The Mission adjourned, with benediction by Bishop Andrews.

EVENING SERVICE.

SATURDAY EVENING, 7:30.

On Saturday Evening the Church Extension Anniversary was held, and able addresses were made by Rev. W. H. Cline and Rev. Cyrus A. King. Rev. P. A. Drown presided and Rev. Asbury Wilkinson led in prayer. The address of Rev. W. H. Cline on "The Organization of Our Work in Southwest Louisiana" was of special interest because of its historical value.

This is a brief summary of the leading points touched upon in the address: In May, 1888, the Methodist Episcopal church was first organized among the white people by Rev. W. H. Cline within the bounds of what is now the "Gulf Mission." The work has grown since then under the fostering care of W. H. Cline as Presiding Elder, aided by the pastors, to its present proportions. Now 6 organized charges with twenty appointments, 354 members, 65 probationers, 4 church buildings, worth \$5500, and 2 parsonages, worth \$1500, tell something of the work accomplished, from a mere beginning, in five years. The work among the French Creoles was opened, 1891, by Rev. J. W. Mougey, Rev. P. J. Rodidoux and Rev. L. F. Abernathy, and has under great difficulties been carried on with varying success. The present outlook for this work is most encouraging, and with a larger measure of support a great ingathering of souls, with strong organized churches will result among this people.

Third Day.

JENNINGS, LOUISIANA, }
SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 1893. }

Love Feast.—At 9:30 the Mission Love Feast was held in the church, led by Rev. Cyrus A. King, which was a special season of rejoicing and of blessed memory. God added grace and glory. The testimony of so many who have been deprived of church privileges, until the Methodist Episcopal Church came to furnish them with a religious home, demonstrates the wisdom of the church in

occupying this field. There are some within the bounds of this Mission who would never, perhaps, have heard the gospel without the ministration of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and there are others who have not heard, and probably will never hear, the glad tidings of salvation unless she enlarges the borders and sends more laborers into this sadly-neglected portion of our Lord's vineyard.

Morning Service.—Sunday morning at 10:30, Bishop Edward G. Andrews, D. D., LL. D., preached from the text, Matt. 10th chapter, 29th and 30th verses. Theme, "The General and Particular Providence of God." The sermon of the Bishop was a powerful and convincing argument, eloquently set forth, on this difficult subject; and was of great comfort to all believers. It will not be forgotten by those who heard it, and has already produced some very satisfactory fruit in this community.

AFTERNOON SERVICE, 3 P. M.

In the afternoon an important Temperance meeting was held, addressed by members of the Mission, Rev. L. F. Abernathy, Rev. Logan Rogers, Rev. P. J. Robidoux and others. Mrs. Catherine Wilkins, President of the W. C. T. U.'s work in Louisiana, spoke of the urgent need of pressing the work of more complete organization, and commended the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church for their untiring zeal and hearty co-operation in extending the work of the Union throughout the parishes of her district. The various speeches brought out these interesting facts:

No saloon in Cameron parish. No saloon in the city of Jennings. A campaign in Acadia parish to banish the saloon there. A good work, looking toward the same end, begun in other parishes and cities, with some promise of success. The effort made to secure total abstainers has resulted in saving several hundred in the past year from the ruinous effects of strong drink; and this good work is being pressed by all the churches in nearly every town and ward in Southwest Louisiana. Rev. L. F. Abernathy acted as chairman of the meeting, and contributed largely to its success.

EVENING SERVICE.

SUNDAY EVENING, 7:30.

A very interesting Missionary Anniversary was held in the evening, in which the Congregational Church joined, Rev. P. J. Robidoux presiding. Prof. S. A. Knapp offered prayer. The lecture on "The Zulu and His Country" by Rev. Josiah Tyler, 40 years a missionary in South Africa, stationed at Natal, was a real treat to all those who heard it, and gave a very graphic description of life among the Zulus, and their peculiar manners and customs.

Adjournment with benediction, by Rev. Mr. Tyler.

Fourth Day.

JENNINGS, LOUISIANA, }
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 1893. }

The Mission opened at 9 A. M.

Religious Exercises were conducted by Rev. P. J. Robidoux. The Mission joined in singing "I'll Live for Him who Died for Me," etc.

Minutes Read and Approved.—The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Incidental Collection.—An incidental collection was taken on Sunday evening amounting to \$8.17.

Special Request.—On motion of Chas. K. Woodson, W. H. Cline, Presiding Elder, was requested to furnish his report for publication in the minutes as a history of the organization of our work in Southwest Louisiana.

Reports of Committees.—Statistical Secretaries reported, and their report was adopted. (See reports.)

The committee on Church Extension reported, and the report was adopted. (See reports.)

The committee on Education reported, and the report was adopted. (See reports.)

The committee on the State of the Church reported, and the report was adopted. (See reports.)

The committee on Sunday Schools reported, and the report was adopted. (See reports.)

The committee on Temperance reported, and the report was adopted. (See reports.)

The committee on publishing the minutes reported, and the report was adopted. (See reports.)

Subscription to the Minute Fund.—In compliance with the report of the committee on Publishing the Minutes, the roll of the Mission was called. The Bishop and the brethren responded with a liberal subscription to the minute fund. (See subscription list under report of committees.)

The committee on Missionary appropriations reported, and the report was concurred in by the Bishop. (See reports.)

The committee on auditing Presiding Elder's account reported, and the report was adopted. (See reports.)

The committee on Missions reported, and the report was adopted. (See reports.)

To Fix the Place for the Assembling of the Mission Next Year.—Crowley and Lake Charles were placed in nomination. Afterwards Crowley was withdrawn in favor of Lake Charles. By a rising vote, Lake Charles was unanimously chosen as the place of our next meeting.

Complimentary Resolutions to Bishop Andrews were adopted by a rising vote, thanking the Bishop for his presence and efficient work, also for his words of wisdom and the deep interest which he has manifested in the work of this Mission. (See resolutions.)

Transfers.—The Bishop announced the transfer of Logan Rogers from the Louisiana Conference to the Kansas Conference.

Resolutions of Thanks were adopted complimentary to the people of Jennings and Rev. Chas. K. Woodson for hospitable entertainment. (See Resolutions.)

Adjournment and Closing Exercises.—On motion of W. H. Cline, it was ordered that after the reading and adoption of the minutes, the religious and closing exercises, and the reading of the appointments, the Mission stand adjourned sine die.

After the reading of the appointments by the Bishop, the Mission joined in singing, "Soldiers of Christ, Arise, and Put Your Armor On," etc. Adjourned with benediction by Bishop Andrews.

Appointments.

[All within Southwest Louisiana.]

CYRUS A. KING, (Louisiana), Superintendent. P. O., Lake Charles, La.

Baldwin.....	J. W. Mougey
Crowley and Ebenezer.....	Lincoln F. Abernathy
Evangeline.....	Supplied by P. A. Drown
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J. W. Mougey, President of Baldwin Academy, member of Baldwin Quarterly Conference.

Reports of Committees.

EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following report :

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

We recognize the great work that is being done by the Board of Education. We urge every Sunday school to observe Children's Day; to use the programme prepared by the Board; take a collection for the Children's Day fund, and keep this collection distinct from every other, and send the same direct to the Board at New York.

BALDWIN ACADEMY.

Baldwin Academy, beautifully located on Bayou Teche, is the only institution of learning under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church among white people in Southwest Louisiana. While we look with favor upon our public schools, yet we believe there is a work for Methodism in our Gulf Mission. There are many young people in Methodist homes, and those friendly to us, who are desirous of obtaining a more complete education than the public schools offer, and who, if the Methodist Church does not give it to them, will go without it or obtain it in other church schools.

We therefore recommend Baldwin Academy, under the able and efficient management of Rev. J. W. Mougey, to all our people within the bounds of the Gulf Mission; and further pledge our most hearty support and co-operation. We further recommend that the Superintendent of the Gulf Mission be appointed a committee on examinations; and that we, as the Gulf Mission, recognize this institution as an object of our special care and patronage. We therefore recommend that all general collections for education, outside of Children's Day collection, taken throughout the bound of the Gulf Mission, be devoted to our school at Baldwin, Louisiana.

LOGAN ROGERS, Secretary.

J. W. MOUGEY, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

Whereas, The Board of Church Extension has by past work established itself as an important auxillary in advancing the Redeemer's kingdom; and

Whereas, The said Board has aided in the erection of four churches in the Gulf Mission, by donations and loans to the amount of \$2150; therefore

Resolved, That, as ministers of the Gulf Mission, we will bring its merits to the notice of our people, until they are so thoroughly informed as to its workings that they will gladly give of their money to its support, up to the full measure of its apportionments.

CHAS. K. WOODSON, Secretary.

CYRUS A. KING, Chairman.

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

Whereas, We recognize it to be the duty of all governments to protect and perpetuate the rights of its citizens and throw around them such safeguards as shall make it easy for them to do right and hard to do wrong, and enact such regulations as shall best promote the welfare and happiness of the people; and,

Whereas, There exists today in the liquor traffic an evil of such gigantic proportions that it may well be called the sum of all villainies, the willing agent of Satanic hate, touching at every point the moral and social conditions of the people with direful and deadly effect; therefore be it

Resolved, That we recommend the organization in every charge within the bounds of the Gulf Mission of a Christian Temperance League, under the direction of the Pastor and Quarterly Conference, to include all members of the congregations willing to unite for practical effort in suppressing the liquor traffic, as outlined by our Discipline, and will labor unceasingly until this is accomplished.

Resolved, That we will heartily co-operate with all organized bodies pledged to the full accomplishment of this desired end, and especially the W. O. T. U., to whose efficient labors in this state we are indebted for so many blessed results; and most sincerely do we endorse and commend the efforts now being put forth by this body of noble women in driving and seeking to drive every open saloon from our cities and parishes on the Gulf coast.

LINCOLN F. ABERNATHY, Secretary. CHAS. K. WOODSON, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Resolved, That we are truly thankful for the stand taken by our nation in regard to closing the gates of the Columbian Fair on the Sabbath day, and trust they will stand by that action to the last.

Resolved, That we are pleased with the fact that our people show their appreciation of the Sunday law of this state by causing the different municipal authorities to exact a strict compliance with its requirements.

Resolved, That, although the Sunday law is, as far as it goes, a good law, yet it is shorn of its power by exemption from its provisions concerning public amusements.

Resolved, further, That while we are glad that we have so good a police law as the one now in force closing all places licensed by the state or municipal corporations, that it is now time that the state of Louisiana should enact a law forbidding all labor or traffic on Sunday.

Resolved, That all Christians should in every way uphold the sanctity of the Sabbath.

LOGAN ROGERS, Secretary. LINCOLN F. ABERNATHY, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE.

Resolved, That we observe with gratification the great good accomplished by the American Bible Society, and that we are in hearty sympathy with the effort now being made by this Society to organize auxiliaries throughout this region of country.

L. N. ROGERS, Secretary.

P. A. DROWN, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Whereas, We recognize the fact that the Sunday School is the nursery of the church and one of the most efficient means of inculcating the word of God;

Resolved, That we urge our people to greater diligence in this work by preaching upon the subject at least once a year, and by all other honorable means.

Resolved, That we recommend our people to use our Sunday School publications as being best adapted to our use and superior to all others.

LOGAN ROGERS, Secretary.

L. F. ABERNATHY, Chairman.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We have examined the accounts of the Presiding Elder, W. H. Cline, and find that he has promptly paid over to the preachers all missionary money when due, and all accounts are strictly correct.

LOGAN ROGERS, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Whereas, The Methodist Episcopal Church was first organized within the bounds of what is now the Gulf Mission, among white people, in May, 1888; and

Whereas, the work has been carried on by pastors and Presiding Elder who had to provide part of their support; and

Whereas, there are now six organized charges, containing more than 20 appointments, 354 members and 65 probationers, 4 church buildings worth \$5500, and 2 parsonages worth \$1500; and

Whereas, the building of new railroads and new towns, and the incoming of large numbers of northern people within the bounds of the Gulf Mission opens up a large and encouraging field for our church;

Whereas, The work among the French was begun in 1892 by Rev. J. W. Mougey, Rev. P. J. Robidoux and Rev. F. L. Abernathy and has been carried on with considerable success, and as the outlook is most favorable; therefore.

Resolved, 1st, That we are profoundly grateful to Almighty God for the success which has attended our efforts thus far; and for his sustaining grace during the deprivations and difficulties under which we have labored.

2d, That we will continue to labor, pray and sacrifice, to the extent of our ability, for the continued success of our beloved Zion.

3d, That we call the attention of the church to this inviting field and earnestly solicit the largest measure of support possible consistent with the needs of other fields.

P. J. ROBIDOUX, Secretary.

W. H. CLINE, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING JOURNAL.

We, your committee on publishing the Minutes of the First Annual Session of the Gulf Mission, recommend that 500 copies be printed; and offer the following plan to meet the necessary expenses:

1st, That a subscription be taken by calling the roll of the Mission.

2d, That those appointed to look after the publishing of the Journal be instructed to solicit advertising matter sufficient to complete cost of publication.

J. W. MOUGEY, Secretary.

CHAS. K. WOODSON, Chairman.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE MINUTE FUND.

Bishop Andrews.....	\$5.00
Lincoln F. Abernathy.....	2.50
W. H. Cline.....	2.50
P. A. Drown.....	2.00
Cyrus A. King.....	5.00
J. W. Mougey.....	2.50
P. J. Robidoux.....	2.00
Asbury Wilkinson.....	5.00
Chas. K. Woodson.....	5.00
Total.....	<u>\$31.50</u>

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

The committee on Missionary Appropriations, having carefully considered the matter referred to it, recommends the following appropriations, subject to the judgment of the Missionary Board of the Church, viz:

To Superintendent of Missions	\$600.00
To Crowley and Ebenezer.....	250.00
To Evangeline.....	100.00
To Iowa and Welsh.....	200.00
To Jennings.....	250.00
To Lake Charles.....	400.00
To Oberlin	200.00
Total.....	<u>\$2000 00</u>

J. W. MOUGEY, Secretary.

W. H. CLINE, Chairman.

I concur in the above Appropriations.

EDWARD G. ANDREWS.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer reported the following amounts from the various charges:

Baldwin	\$ 5.00
Crowley	57.00
Iowa	15.00
Jennings	4.57.00
Lake Charles	45.00
Welsh	5.00
Total receipts.....	<u>\$184.00</u>

LINCOLN F. ABERNATHY, Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

We, the members of the Gulf Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, have greatly enjoyed the presence of Bishop Andrews at this, our first session, in the town of Jennings. We also thank him for his words of wisdom and for the deep interest he has shown in our work. We beg to assure him of our love and esteem; and when in the providence of God he may be permitted to visit us again, we shall receive him with pleasure.

J. W. MOUGEY.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That, as members of the Gulf Mission, we return thanks to the people of Jennings who have so kindly and hospitably entertained the members and friends of this Mission during its session in their midst.

Resolved, That we thank the choir for the excellent music they have rendered.

Resolved, That we thank Rev. Chas. K. Woodson, the pastor at Jennings, for his untiring energy and zeal to make this session a complete success.

J. W. MOUGEY.

Helpful Suggestions.

I

The annual report of the Superintendent should be filed with the Secretary for preservation; also for publication in the minutes when required by the Mission.

II

The Superintendent should be empowered to make the nominations of the Standing Committees of the Mission one year in advance, and report the same to the Secretary for publication in the minutes.

III

At each session, a preacher should be appointed to preach a sermon on Temperance the evening preceding the next session of the Mission; and a Temperance Anniversary should be held in connection with that service.

IV

The Superintendent and the preacher in charge of the station where the Mission is to be held should be instructed to arrange a programme of religious exercises and special services for the ensuing session, and have the same published, and a copy sent to each preacher and superintendent of Sunday Schools within the bounds of the Mission.

V

The blank reports for the statistics, together with the envelopes for the benevolent collections, should be distributed by the Statistical Secretary of the Mission at least two weeks before the annual session; so that the call for statistics could be made immediately after the organization of the Mission. The statistical reports should be left in the care of the Statistical Secretary, and the envelopes in the hands of the Mission Treasurer for preservation one year.

Statistics No. 3, Gulf Mission.

PASTOR'S SUPPORT.												Current			
CLAIMS.					RECEIPTS.							Exp'n's			
CHARGES.	PASTORS.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Deficiencies.	Prdg Eld.: Amt Pd	Sup. Bisp: Amt Pd	Conf Claim't: Coll.	Total.	Church, Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S.: less, lvs., Books, etc.	
Baldwin.....	J. W. Mougey.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Crowley.....	L. F. Abernathy.....	\$298	102	400	158	60	218	182	10	.....	.....	.....	17	27	.....
Evangeline.....	P. A. Drown.....	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Iowa.....	C. A. King.....	.....	.....	.....	80	.....	80	.....	13	1	.....	.....	.....	10	.....
Jennings.....	C. K. Woodson.....	540	60	600	540	60	600	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	43	40	.....
Lake Charles..	A. Wilkinson.....	675	.....	675	675	.....	675	.....	10	5	4	4	66	20	.....
Welsh.....	L. Rogers.....	.....	.....	.....	75	..	75	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	.....	1513	162	1675	1558	120	1678	182	49	8	4	4	126	97	.....

Statistics No. 4, Gulf Mission.

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.

CHARGES.	MISSIONS.			EDUCA'N.			Total.	Gen'l Conf. Exp.	Wom. Home Mis. Soc.	Wom. For. Mis. Soc.	American Bible Society.	Other Educ. Objects	Children's Fund.	Freedmen's Aid & Southern Education Society.	Tract Society.	Sunday Sch. Union.	Board Ch. Extension.	Total.	Sunday School.	Church.
Baldwin.....							5						3	5	1	1	4	25	20	5
Crowley.....							4						3	1	1	1	2	10	10	10
Evangeline.....							1						5	3	1	1	6	30	10	20
Iowa.....							1						5	5	1	1	3	23	9	14
Jennings.....							3						1	1	1	1	3	30	10	10
Lake Charles.....							5						1	1	1	1	3	23	9	14
Welsh.....							1						1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3
Total.....							172				33		8	18	3	4	15	91	39	52

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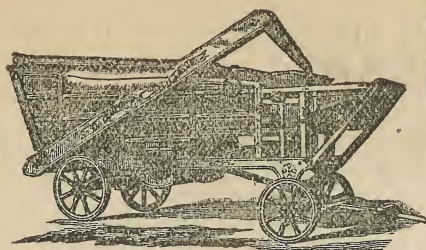
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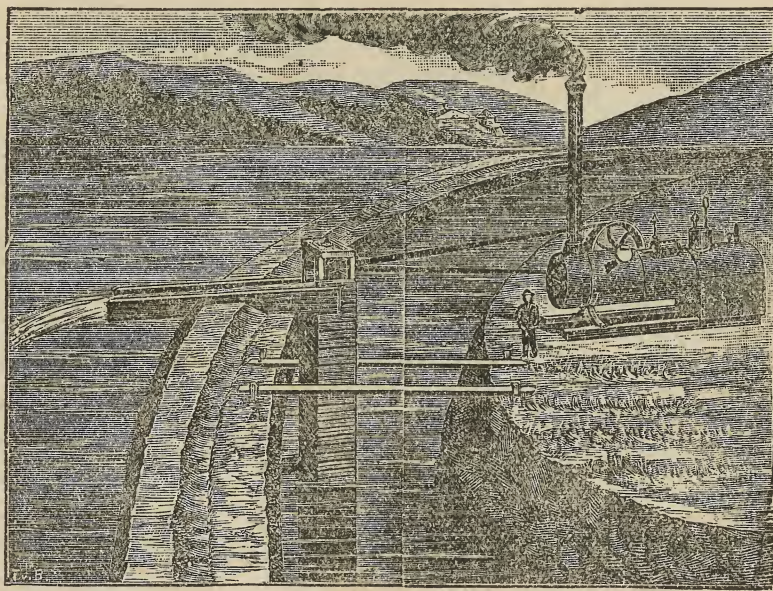
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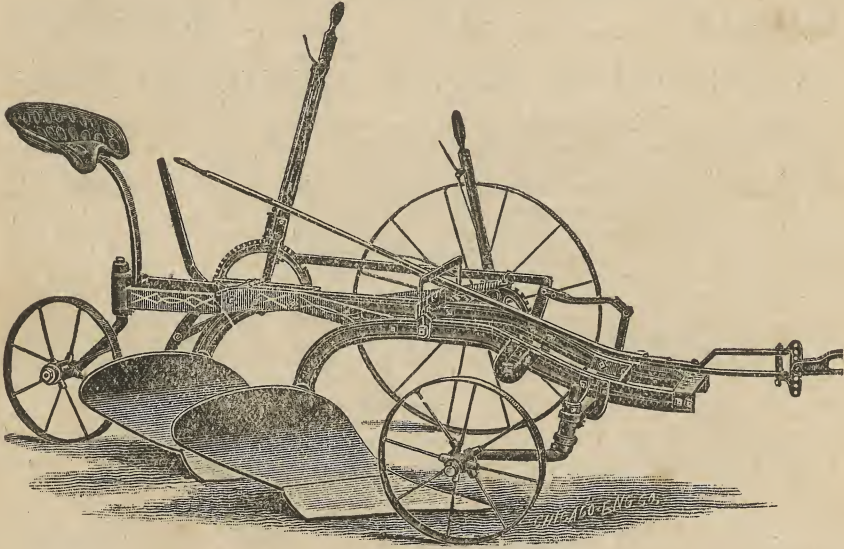
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